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SUBJECT: SPANISH SAHARA: SPAIN BEGINS ICJ PRESENTATION

1. AFTER THREE WEEKS OF ORAL ARGUMENTS BY MOROCCO, ALGERIA, MAURITANIA AND ZAIRE, SPAIN BEGAN ITS PRESENTATION IN THE ICJ ADVISORY OPINIION PROCEEDINGS ON JULY 16. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, SPANISH REP., JOSE LACLETA, LEGAL ADVISOR TOSPANISH MFA, BEGAN HIS REMARKS AS EXPECTED BY REJECTING IDEA THAT THERE ANY TERRITORIAL DISPUTE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES INVOLVED, BUT ONLY QUESTION OF THE DECOLONIZATION OF THE TERRITORY. DECOLONIZATION WOULD BE EFFECTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WISHES OF SPAIN AND WITH UN MANDATE, THROUGH SELF-DETERMINATION HE SAID. SPANISH REP. ARGUED THAT IF COURT SHOULD BASE ITS ADVISORY OPINION ON PURELY HISTORICAL GROUNDS TO THE DISADVANTAGE OF THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION IT WOULD NOT BE A CORRECT EXECUTION OF THE JUDICIAL FUNCTION OF ICJ.

2. SPANISH ARGUMENT SEEMS DESIGNED TO FOCUS ON ISSUE OF SELF-
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DETERMINATION FOR POPULATION IN SAHARA, IN APPARENT EFFORT

TO UNDERCUT POSITION OF STATES CLAIMING TERRITORY ON HISTORICAL
GROUNDS. GOS STRATEGY SEEMS TO POINT TOWARD INDEPENDENT
SAHARAN STATE IN CONTROL OF TERRITORY, ALBIET WITH CLOSE
TIES TO FORMER METROPOLE.
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